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Re: Petition for Rule Making to Amend
Section 73.202(b) of the Rules

Dear Ms. Dortch:

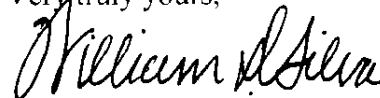
Attached hereto is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making submitted on behalf of Elgin Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("EBC"), and filed pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules seeking to amend the FM Table of Allotments (Section 73.202(b)) to reallocate Channel 232A from Elgin, Illinois, to Lombard, Illinois, and to modify the license of Station WJKL to specify Lombard as its community of license.

As set forth in the petition, if the proposal set forth herein is adopted, EBC will expeditiously submit a minor change application for a construction permit specifying the new facility and, once its construction permit is granted, will proceed promptly to file an application for a covering license for the station licensed to Lombard.

An extra copy of this transmittal is attached marked "Date Stamp and Return" and it is requested that this copy be date stamped upon receipt and provided to the courier.

Should there be any questions concerning this filing, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


William D. Silva

Enclosures (5)

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In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),) MM Docket No _____
Table of Allotments) RM-_____
FM Broadcast Stations)
(Elgin and Lombard, Illinois))

To Chief, Allocations Branch

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Elgin Broadcasting Co., Inc. ("EBC"), licensee of WJKL(FM), Channel 232A, Elgin, Illinois, by its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 1.401 of the Commission's rules, hereby petitions the Commission to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, to reallocate Channel 232A from Elgin, Illinois to Lombard, Illinois and to modify the license of WJKL to specify Lombard as its community of license. Specifically, EBC requests that the FM Table of Allotments be amended as follows:

| <u>Community</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Elgin, Illinois | 232A. 205A | 205A |
| Lombard, Illinois | -- | 232A |

In support of this Petition, EBC states as follows.

Technical Considerations

As demonstrated by the Engineering Statement attached hereto as Exhibit A, the requested reallocation of Channel 232A to Lombard is mutually exclusive with WJKL's currently

authorized allotment at Elgin. Therefore, the proposed reallocation complies with the requirements of Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's rules. In addition, the proposed reallocation will enable EBC to provide the community of Lombard with its first local aural transmission service without depriving Elgin of local broadcast service. As demonstrated in Exhibit A, the proposed site will provide full city grade coverage to the community of Lombard, Illinois.

Policy Considerations

The allotment of Channel 232A to Lombard will result in a preferential arrangement of allotments pursuant to the Commission's change of community procedures.¹ Pursuant to those procedures, the existing arrangement of allotments must be compared with the proposal using the FM allotment priorities: (1) first full-time aural service; (2) second full-time aural service; (3) first local service, and (4) other public interest matters.² The public interest supports the granting of this request. As noted above, the community of Lombard currently has no local aural transmission service. On the other hand, Elgin is currently served by WJKL as well as two other radio stations, WEPS(FM) and WRMN(AM).³ Thus, grant of the requested allotment will ultimately provide the community of Lombard with its first local service without depriving Elgin of local aural transmission service.

As stated in Exhibit A, the current and proposed WJKL transmitter site is short-spaced to second-adjacent channel stations WZZN(FM), Channel 234B, Chicago, Illinois and WLIT-FM,

¹ See Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), recon. granted in part, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990).

² See Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC 2d 88 (1992). Co-equal weight is given to priorities (2) and (3).

³ Illinois Bible Institute, Inc. has a pending application for a new noncommercial educational FM station to serve Elgin, Illinois.

Channel 230B, Chicago, Illinois. The short spacings are grandfathered pursuant to Section 73.213 of the Commission's Rules. The Commission has previously proposed to change the community of license of grandfathered short-spaced stations and acknowledged that "grandfathered FM stations that were in compliance with the Rules when authorized should be afforded the same opportunity to change their community of license as other stations authorized in conformity with our Rules."⁴ Furthermore, the Commission eliminated the distance separation and interference protection requirements with respect to second and third-adjacent channel grandfathered stations that have existed continuously since November 16, 1964.⁵ WJKL has been so short-spaced since 1964. Accordingly, the short-spacing that exists between WJKL and WZZN and WLIT-FM should not be a bar to the instant reallocation request.

As demonstrated, grant of the reallocation of WJKL will serve the public interest by providing the community of Lombard with a first local transmission service. Moreover, grant of EBC's proposal would permit EBC to substantially increase the number of listeners within WJKL's primary service area. The facilities specified in the existing WJKL license serve 1,766,753 people within the 60 dBu contour. The allocation of Channel 232A to Lombard as proposed herein will result in a gain of 3,338,170 people, or a 288.9% gain, in population served, and an overall increase in area of 1.1%.⁶ Accordingly, the reallocation is in the public interest.

Finally, the community of Lombard has the social, economic, and cultural characteristics of a community and warrants a first local aural transmission service. Lombard, located in

⁴ Oceanside and Encinitas, California, 12 FCC Rcd 15302 (1999).

⁵ See Grandfathered Short-Spaced FM Stations, 12 FCC Rcd 11840 (1997), see also Section 73.213(a)(4) of the Commission's Rules.

⁶ See Engineering Statement at page 2.

DuPage County, is a community of 42,322 people and has its own post office and zip code. It is governed by its own elected government comprised of a village president, village clerk, and six village trustees. The Lombard government also provides important community services through the village manager's office and the public works, fire, community development, finance, legal, and police departments. Residents can obtain local news by subscribing to the local newspapers, *The Lombardian* and *The Lombard Spectator*, reading the *Lombard Pride*, the official resident newsletter of the village of Lombard, or by watching TV-6, the Lombard government access cable channel.

Moreover, the community has its own school system comprised of five public school districts and six private parochial grade schools. Lombard is also home to the National University of Health Sciences, a private not-for-profit institution offering professional doctorate degrees in chiropractics and human biology. The community also includes a local library, the Lombard Park District, multiple churches, including Grace Baptist Church of Lombard and Sacred Heart Parish of Lombard, and has a vibrant business community, led by the Lombard Chamber of Commerce. Numerous businesses serve the residents of Lombard, including the Yorktown Shopping Center, one of the nation's major regional shopping malls, Sterling Auto Body, Tower Printers, Matthies Landscaping, and Lombard Hobbies. The residents of Lombard also come together in a variety of community organizations, including the Lombard Historical Society, Lombard Women's Group, and Lombard Service League, and join in sponsoring and organizing many local events, including the Lilac Parade, Taste of Lombard, the Fourth of July celebration, and the annual Victorian celebration sponsored by the Lombard Historical Museum.⁷ As demonstrated, Lombard is a viable community, deserving of a first local service

⁷ See Exhibit B, attached hereto

Elgin, Illinois, the current community of license of WJKL, is located within the Chicago Urbanized Area. Thus, the move to Lombard, also within the Chicago Urbanized Area, does not implicate the Commission's policy concerning the migration of stations from rural to urban areas. Because there is no issue as to whether there is an attempt by the petitioner to move into an urbanized area, a "Tuck Analysis"⁸ is not required to illustrate Lombard's independence from the urbanized area.⁹

Declaration of Intent

If the proposal set forth herein is adopted, EBC will expeditiously submit a minor change application for a construction permit specifying the new facility and, once its construction permit is granted, will proceed promptly to file an application for a covering license for the station licensed to Lombard.

⁸ See Faye and Richard Tuck, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1998).


⁹ See, e.g., Boulder and Lafayette, Colorado, 11 FCC Rcd 3632 (1996) and Long Beach and East Los Angeles, California, 10 FCC Rcd 2864 (1995).

Conclusion

Grant of the instant proposal will result in a preferential arrangement of allotments as it will permit WJKL to provide a first local aural transmission service to a community currently without such service without depriving Elgin of local transmission service. For these reasons, EBC respectfully requests that the Commission promptly initiate the rule making requested herein to amend Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, the Table of Allotments for FM Broadcast Stations, to reallocate Channel 232A from Elgin to Lombard, Illinois, as the latter community's first local aural transmission service.

Respectfully submitted,

ELGIN BROADCASTING CO., INC.


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Elgin Broadcasting Co., Inc.

**Engineer Statement
In Support of
Petition for Rulemaking**

Proposed Lombard, IL Allocation

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Petition of which this Statement is to become a part, requests a modification of the FM Table of Allotments in 47 C.F.R. 73.202(b) to change the Community of License of WJKL(FM), 232A, Elgin, IL to Lombard, IL.

ALLOTMENT COORDINATES

The allotment coordinates of Channel 232A at Elgin, IL are N41-59-54, W88-14-33. The proposed allotment coordinates for Channel 232A at Lombard, IL are N41-51-30, W87-57-16. Table I (attached) illustrates the allotment coordinates are fully spaced to all other facilities with the exception of WZZN, Channel 234B, Chicago, IL, WLIT-FM, Channel 230B, Chicago, IL and WJKL, Channel 232A at Elgin. WJKL is a "Pre-1964 Grandfather" station with regard to WZZN and WLIT-FM under Section 73.213(a)(4) of the rules, which states that, for stations that have been consistently shortspaced since November 16, 1964, there is no distance separation requirement of interference protection requirement for second or third adjacent channel stations. And, as the proposed change is mutually exclusive with its current license, Elgin Broadcasting Co., Inc. proposes to change the city of license for WJKL(FM) from Elgin, IL to Lombard, IL, in accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's rules.

70 dBu COVERAGE OF LOMBARD, IL

The Reference Coordinates for the community of Lombard, IL are N41-52-30, W88-00-54 at a distance of 5.36 km from the allotment site, which is also the proposed WJKL move site. A full Class A facility (6kW at 100m HAAT) at the allotment site results in a HAAT of 83.0 meters in the direction of Lombard, IL.

The 70dBu f(50,50) contour from the allotment site at maximum Class A facilities, in the direction of the Reference Coordinates for Lombard, IL, lies at a distance of 14.6 km. The 70dBu contour encompasses the entire community of Lombard.

AURAL SERVICES IN ELGIN, IL

Elgin, IL, currently has three licensed aural services:

| | |
|----------|----------|
| WJKL(FM) | 232A |
| WEPS(FM) | 205A |
| WRMN(AM) | 1410 kHz |

AURAL SERVICES IN LOMBARD, IL

There are no aural services currently licensed to Lombard, IL. WJKL will become the first aural service licensed to that community.

POPULATION AND AREA CALCULATIONS:

According to the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census, the 2000 population figure for Lombard, Illinois is 42,322 people. The city lies in DuPage County, with a county population of 904,161. Allocating Channel 232A to Lombard will provide coverage within the 70dBu contour to 1,409,395 persons, and within the 60dBu contour to 5,104,923 people (an area of 2,502.04 sq. km).

The present WJKL facility covers a population, within the 60dBu contour, of 1,766,753 people within an area of 2,530.75 sq. km. Compared to the proposed facility at Lombard, the change in facilities will provide a 288.9% increase in population and an overall decrease in area of 1.1%.

CONCLUSION:

Moving WJKL(FM) to Lombard, Illinois, will serve the public interest by providing service to a larger population, and making more efficient use of the FM spectrum

The petitioner affirms its intention to file an application to modify WJKL for operation on Channel 232A at Lombard, if it is allotted, and to build the requested facilities promptly

EXHIBITS:

Table I is an FM channel study for Channel 232A from the proposed allotment coordinates for the proposed city of license, Lombard, Illinois.

Tables II and III show the predicted distances to the 60 dBu contours for the proposed Lombard allotment and the current WJKL at Elgin and associated population and coverage area figures.

Exhibit 1 is a map showing the 70dBu and 60dBu contours of the proposed WJKL operation on Channel 232A and the city of license, Lombard, Illinois. Lombard lies within the proposed 70dBu contour, thereby meeting the requirements of Section 73.315 of the Rules and Regulations

CERTIFICATION:

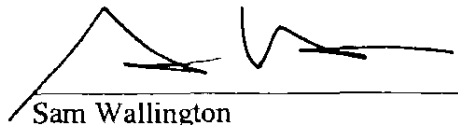
It is believed that all methods employed in making the determinations contained within this Engineering Statement were in accordance with applicable FCC Rules and Regulations and good engineering practice.

For each FM station presented in these exhibits, terrain elevation data from three to sixteen kilometers on radials spaced at one-degree azimuthal intervals starting at True North were extracted from the computerized thirty-second point elevation database version of **Elevation Data for North America**, available at the Department of Commerce, National Geophysical Data Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. A total of 131 points along each radial were linearly interpolated according to section 73.312(d). For allocation HAAT calculations, 8 radials were utilized. Coordinate datum used is NAD27.

The height above average terrain along each of the 360 radials was computed by averaging the elevations between three and sixteen kilometers below the antenna radiation center in accordance with section 73.313(d)(3).

The locations of the 60 dBu F(50,50) service contours were calculated according to the computer methods outlined in FCC publication PB-249144, **Field Strength Calculations for TV and FM Broadcasting**. The computer methods use digitized data taken directly from the graph of section 73.333 Figure 1. Intermediate values are obtained using bivariate interpolation techniques for surface fitting.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Sam Wallington
Consulting Engineer

Table I
WJKL Proposed Allotment Coordinates

| | | |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| REFERENCE | CLASS = A | DISPLAY DATES |
| 41 51 30 N | Current Spacings | DATA 09-04-03 |
| 87 57 16 W | Channel 232 - 94.3 MHz | SEARCH 09-16-03 |

| Call | Channel | Location | Dist | Azi | FCC | Margin |
|--------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|
| WJKL | LIC 232A | Elgin | IL 28.51 | 303.3 | 115.0 | -86.49 |
| WZZN | LIC 234B | Chicago | IL 26.57 | 84.9 | 69.0 | -42.43 |
| WLITFM | LIC 230B | Chicago | IL 26.57 | 84.9 | 69.0 | -42.43 |
| WZOC | LIC 232B1 | Plymouth | IN 145.37 | 104.1 | 143.0 | 2.37 |
| WGFAFM | LIC 231B | Watseka | IL 119.42 | 171.9 | 113.0 | 6.42 |
| WOJO.C | CP 286B | Evanston | IL 27.88 | 80.6 | 15.0 | 12.88 |
| WOJO | LIC 286B | Evanston | IL 27.88 | 80.6 | 15.0 | 12.88 |
| WKTIFM | LIC 233B | Milwaukee | WI 137.04 | 1.8 | 113.0 | 24.04 |
| WSSQ | LIC 232A | Sterling | IL 145.83 | 270.3 | 115.0 | 30.83 |
| WDKB | LIC 235A | Dekalb | IL 78.74 | 277.7 | 31.0 | 47.74 |
| WJJO | LIC 231B | Watertown | WI 161.49 | 326.1 | 113.0 | 48.49 |
| WPMJ | LIC 232A | Chillicothe | IL 172.46 | 228.9 | 115.0 | 57.46 |

Elgin Broadcasting Co., Inc.

TABLE II
Distance to the 60dBu f(50,50) contour for Prop Ch 232A at Lombard, IL

N Lat = 41 51 30 W. Lng. = 87 57 16
HAAT and Distance to Contour - FCC Method - 30 Arc Sec.

| Azi. | AV EL | HAAT | dBk | 60-F5 |
|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| 000 | 208.2 | 98.8 | 7.78 | 28.13 |
| 045 | 194.4 | 112.6 | 7.78 | 29.88 |
| 090 | 188.5 | 118.5 | 7.78 | 30.57 |
| 135 | 190.0 | 117.0 | 7.78 | 30.40 |
| 180 | 219.0 | 88.0 | 7.78 | 26.64 |
| 225 | 215.8 | 91.2 | 7.78 | 27.09 |
| 270 | 222.9 | 84.1 | 7.78 | 26.07 |
| 315 | 218.2 | 88.8 | 7.78 | 26.74 |

Ave El= 207.13 M HAAT= 99.87 M AMSL= 307

Area and population calculated with 360 radials:

60 dBu/.5 Area by numeric integration= 2495.12 Sq km

70 dBu/ 5 Population using PL 94-171 (Group Block Resolution): 1,409,395

60 dBu/ 5 Population using PL 94-171 (Group Block Resolution): 5,104,923

Elgin Broadcasting Co., Inc.

TABLE III

Distance to the 60dBu f(50,50) contour for WJKL Elgin, IL (as licensed)

N. Lat. = 41 59 54 W. Lng. = 88 14 33

HAAT and Distance to Contour - FCC Method - 30 Arc Sec.

WJKL, Elgin Broadcasting Co., Inc., BLH19990730KC

Azi. AV EL HAAT dBk 60-F5

| | Azi. | AV | EL | HAAT | dBk | 60-F5 |
|-----|-------|-------|------|-------|-----|-------|
| 000 | 254.0 | 87.0 | 7.78 | 26.49 | | |
| 045 | 246.6 | 94.4 | 7.78 | 27.53 | | |
| 090 | 242.7 | 98.3 | 7.78 | 28.07 | | |
| 135 | 232.7 | 108.3 | 7.78 | 29.36 | | |
| 180 | 228.1 | 112.9 | 7.78 | 29.93 | | |
| 225 | 226.0 | 115.0 | 7.78 | 30.16 | | |
| 270 | 246.8 | 94.2 | 7.78 | 27.51 | | |
| 315 | 249.2 | 91.8 | 7.78 | 27.18 | | |

Ave El= 240.76 M HAAT= 100.24 M AMSL= 341 M

Area and population calculated with 360 radials.

60 dBu/.5 Area by numeric integration= 2530.75 Sq km

70 dBu/.5 Population using PL 94-171 (Group Block Resolution): 629,627

60 dBu/.5 Population using PL 94-171 (Group Block Resolution): 1,766,753

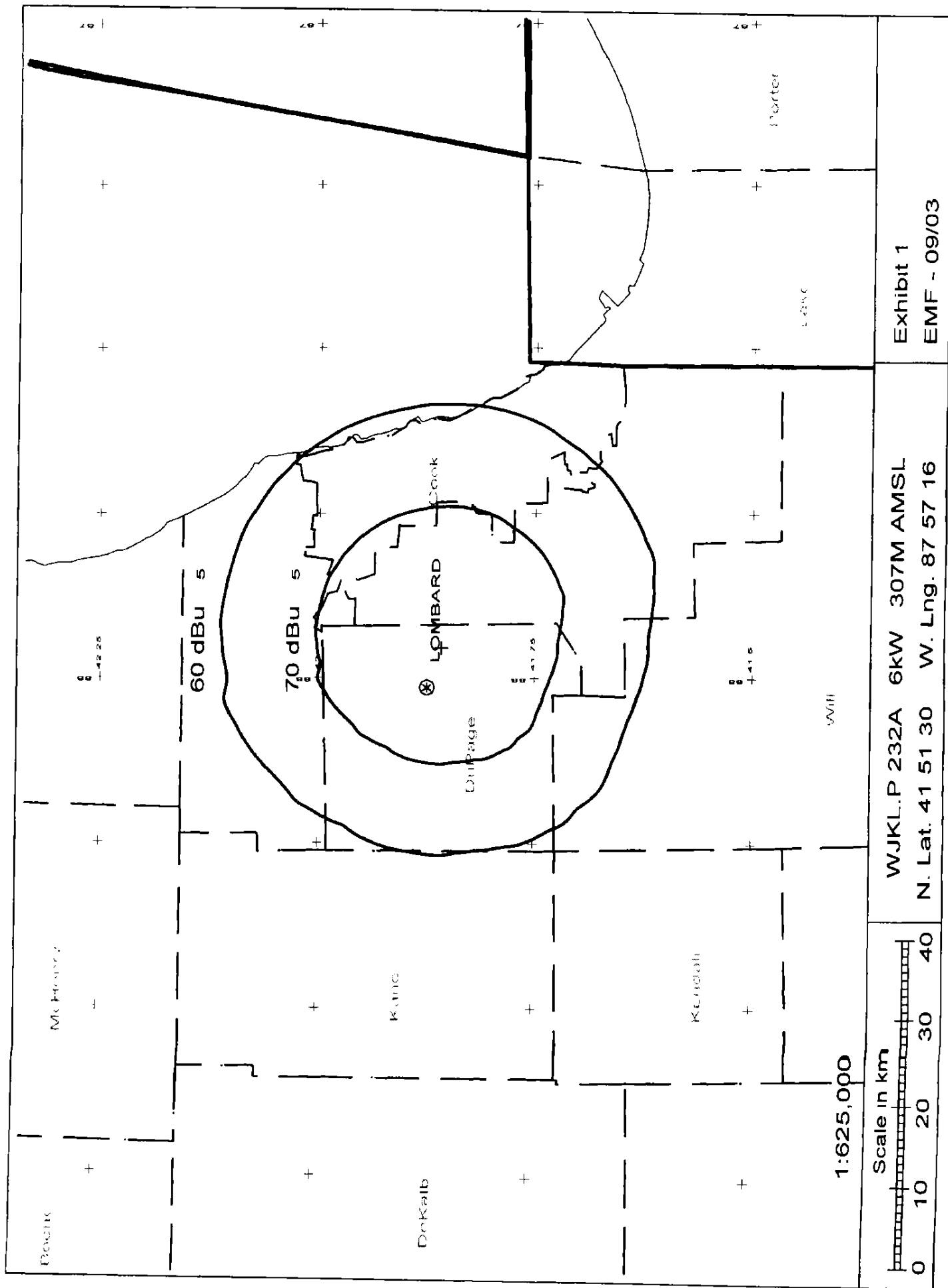


EXHIBIT B

VILLAGE

OVERVIEW

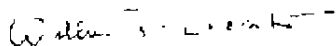
On behalf of the Village of Lombard and the Board of Trustees, I welcome you to the Village of Lombard's Web site

Lombard is a community with much to offer. From our history as the Lilac Village to our current involvement in the Lombard Character Counts! Coalition, we are striving to form partnerships in the community to better serve our residents. And in keeping with our tradition of offering the best possible services and programs and meeting the needs of those who request information from us, we are utilizing the World Wide Web to our advantage as a communication tool between you and us.

In the spirit of communication and meeting your needs, we are pleased to offer you the following information about the Village and welcome your feedback and comments. Please email us at info@villageoflombard.org with any questions or comments you may have and we will get you a prompt reply.

Thank you for visiting the Village of Lombard Web site. Please visit us again soon.

Sincerely,



William T. Lichter
Village Manager

VILLAGE

OVERVIEW

The Village of Lombard is organized into seven departments. Each department has a unique set of responsibilities and guidelines for serving the residents of Lombard.

Community Development - administers, supervises and monitors the structured growth of the Village of Lombard while adhering to the strategic plan and goals set forth by the Village President, Board of Trustees and Village Manager.

Finance - oversees the budget process and also administers many village services.

Fire Department - aside from responding to emergency calls also focuses on Public Education, Fire Prevention and Emergency Preparedness. The Bureau of Inspectional Services is also part of the Fire Department.

Legal Department - represents the Village in legal matters.

Village Manager's Office - acts as a liaison between Village departments and residents. The Village Manager's Department also oversees many Village-wide programs.

Police Department - strives to keep Lombard a safe and secure community through a dedicated and professional patrol force as well as establishing partnerships with the community to prevent crime and promote community safety.

Public Works - provides the essential services of water, sewer, and streets. Also provides many other essential services to the Village.

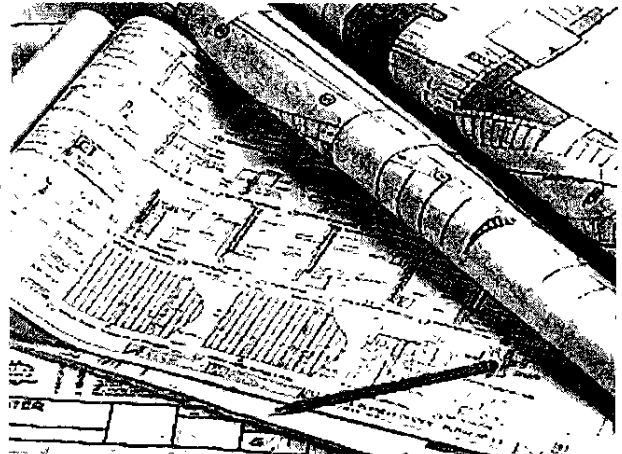
To learn more, we invite you to visit each department's web page.

COMMUNITY

OVERVIEW

The principal function of the Department of Community Development is to administer, supervise and monitor the structured growth of the Village of Lombard while adhering to the strategic plan and goals set forth by the Village President, Board of Trustees and Village Manager.

The Department of Community Development is comprised of 4 divisions: Planning Services, Code Administration, Communications and Marketing and Private Engineering Services. Direct department support and assistance to the Village President, Board of Trustees, and Village Manager's Office are also provided through this department



Planning Services: The Planning Services Division involves both immediate and long-range planning as well as community and economic development activities. Planning Services includes staff support and assistance to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, making recommendations on all annexation, zoning, site plan approval and subdivision petitions. This program also reviews building permits, Certificates of Occupancy and licenses

Code Administration: The Code Administration Division provides for activities associated with enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, Sign Ordinance and applicable sections of the Municipal Code dealing with nuisance control. These enforcement activities include code violation investigation, issuance of citations and processing for court action when necessary. It is the goal of this division to inform and work with residents on potential problems before other action is needed.

Communications and Marketing: The Communications and Marketing Division provides public information via written publications such as the "Pride" and "LINC" newsletters, local access cable television, the Village website and press releases

This division is also responsible for coordinating special events such as Cruise Nights, AutumnFest, the Fourth of July parade and many others.

TV-6 broadcasts coverage of Village Board and Plan Commission meetings as well as other local access programming

Private Engineering Services: The Private Engineering Services Division provides engineering services associated with all private development. The administration and implementation of engineering regulations in the Village Code of Ordinances and standard

specifications manual are accomplished through plan reviews, building permits and site inspections

VILLAGE MANAGER'S

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The Village Clerk is an elected official, serving a four-year term. It is the responsibility of the Clerk's Office to maintain all Village records, take Board Meeting minutes, provide voter registration services and coordinate local election information

Under direction of the Village Manager, there are two full-time support staff in the Village Clerk's office who assist with these various functions



POLICE

OVERVIEW

Mission Statement

Dedicated to providing safety and a high quality of service through partnerships with our community

Fulfilling The Mission

The Lombard Police Department strives to keep Lombard a safe and secure community through a dedicated and professional patrol force as well as establishing partnerships with the community to prevent crime and promote community safety. We recognize our obligation to protect constitutional rights, solve problems, plan for the future and provide leadership to reduce crime. The goal of every member of the police department must be to provide the best police services available to the citizens of Lombard



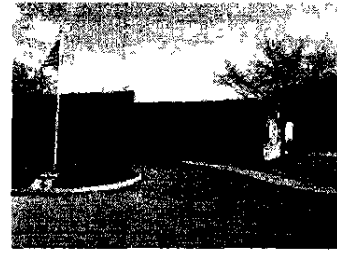
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PUBLIC WORKS

OVERVIEW

The Mission of the Lombard Public Works Department is to provide the essential services of water, sewer, and streets. Serving the community involves many activities such as: engineering, construction, emergency services, water main replacement and repairs, water treatment and pumping, sanitary and storm water sewer maintenance and repairs, traffic studies, traffic control, street sweeping and paving, snow plowing, street lighting, forestry and landscaping, and mosquito control. Consistent with the Village Mission Statement, the Mission of Lombard Public Works "is to provide superior and responsive governmental services to the people of Lombard."





FIRE

OVERVIEW

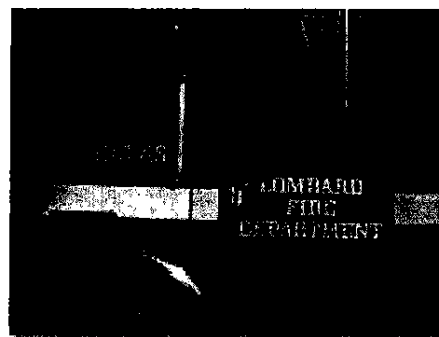
Mission Statement

The Mission of the Lombard Fire Department is to "Save Lives and Protect Property "

Fulfilling the Mission

The Lombard Fire Department mission integrates well with the Village's Mission Statement, "To Provide Superior and Responsive Government Services to the People of Lombard". The Fire Department strives to fulfill its mission by being prepared through training, staffing, and equipment to respond to emergencies and to control the situation found. Through Public Education, Building Inspections, Fire Prevention and Emergency Preparedness, hazards are minimized and a safe environment for our residents and visitors is the end result

There are three distinct means to attack fire problems in the Village of Lombard. The first is through the technology of fire suppression. In ordinary language, this means putting out fires as quickly as possible with a minimum loss of lives and property



A second means of attack is through legislation. Through the development of standards and codes, communities can take legal steps to ensure that buildings, transportation, manufacturing and related goods and services offer minimal risk and maximum protection from fire.

The third means for attacking fire is through education. Many of the fires that result in the loss of lives or severe injury could have been prevented if people had known how to prevent fire, how to prepare for fires and how to protect themselves from fire. Public education has repeatedly been shown to reduce the number of lives lost or serious injuries due to fire.

OUR VILLAGE

ATTRactions

Dr. William LeRoy House | Sheldon Peck Homestead
Lombard Historical Museum | Lilacia Park

Dr. William LeRoy House

[Top](#)

Built in 1881 by Dr. William LeRoy, with an Italianate architectural style, the LeRoy house was home to one of the area's most prominent doctors. Dr. LeRoy specialized in making artificial limbs for civil war veterans and lived in this house until 1900. The house would eventually become the home of Harold Gray's parents and the studio of Harold Gray, the originator of Little Orphan Annie cartoon strip. Harold Gray used the home's study to work on the Annie cartoons until he remarried and moved to the east coast.



Sheldon Peck Homestead

[Top](#)

Recognized as the oldest house in Lombard, the Sheldon Peck house was constructed in what was once Babcock's Grove around 1839. The farmhouse, which stands on the corner of Parkside and Grace in Lombard, was home to the Peck family, the first school in the area, a stop on the Underground Railroad, and a place of business for Sheldon Peck, a portraitist from the mid-nineteenth century. This house was home to descendants of the Peck family until 1995 when it was donated to the Lombard Historical Society. The Society restored this house to the 1840 to 1860 time period. It is open as a museum on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. and by appointment. Tours of the house and educational programs are available.



Lombard Historical Museum

[Top](#)

Restored to the era when Lombard was incorporated as a town, the Lombard Historical Museum is typical of housing built after the Civil War. As a cottage style house, it

